## REMARKS

At the outset, the applicant wishes to express his appreciation to the Examiner for his helpful suggestions pertaining to formal matters in the application and for his recognition of patentable subject matter therein.

By the present amendment, the applicant has amended claims 1 and 3 as required by the Examiner in the Office Action.

In view of the above and the Ex parte Quayle Action of December 9, 2004, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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